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SUBJ: ISRAELIS ON ORT TEAM

REF: KINSHASA 9170

1. IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL IN OCT 4 UNGA SPEECH, WE THOUGHT IT WISE TO ASCERTAIN MOBUTU'S DESIRE WITH REGARD TO THE CONTINUANCE OF THE ISRAELI PASSPORT HOLDERS (13 OUT OF 35) ON THE ORT TEAM OF TECHNICIANS ENGAGED BY THE OFFICE OF ROADS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FINANCED BY AID LOAN 012. AMBASSADOR ACCOMPANIED BY AID MISSION DIRECTOR CALLED THEREFORE ON STATE COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC WORKS ENGULU OCT 17, REFERRED TO THE BREAK IN RELATIONS AND SAID THAT THE COMMISSIONER WAS OF COURSE FAMILIAR WITH ORT AS AN ORGANIZATION AND THAT WE WISHED TO GIVE HIM LIST OF THE CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE TEAM WITH THEIR NATIONALITIES. HE WAS NOT AWARE

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THAT 13 OF THEM WERE ISRAELI PASSPORT HOLDERS.

WE STATED THAT THIS OBVIOUSLY POSED NO PROBLEM TO
USG AND THAT THE INDIVIDUALS IN QUESTION WERE PREPARED
TO CONTINUE SERVING THE ZAIRE BUT THAT WE WISHED
BE SURE PRESIDENT MOBUTU WAS AWARE OF THE FACTS
AND TO OBTAIN HIS VIEWS. ENGULU PROMISED TO RAISE
MATTER PROMPTLY WITH THE PRESIDENT.

2. ENGULU INFORMED AID DIRECTOR OCTOBER 25 THAT HE HAD
RAISED THIS MATTER WITH THE PRESIDENT DURING THE OCT 19
MEETING OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. THE DECISION
WAS THAT A DISTINCTION IS TO BE MADE BETWEEN DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS AND TREATMENT OF INDIVIDUALS AND THAT ONE
SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE OTHER. ACCORDINGLY, GOZ WOULD
WELCOME ISRAELI MEMBERS ORT CONTINUE THEIR
WORK IN ZAIRE.

3. REFTTEL REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU ANNOUNCED IN
PUBLIC SPEECH OCT 23 IN MBANDAKA THAT THE BREAK IN
RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WOULD NOT EFFECT ZAIRE'S
TRADITIONAL HOSPITALITY BEING EXTENDED TO INDIVIDUALS
AND CITED THE PARALLEL CASE OF THE MANY PORTUGUESE
WHO ARE LIVING AND WORKING IN ZAIRE.

4. DEPARTMENT REPEAT TO TEL AVIV AS DESIRED.
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